MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the Electrical Department itself is carrying on the investigation or any other department is doing it?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Civil Engineering Department is, I believe, carrying on the investigation.

Acting Graduate Teachers.

75. * MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of acting graduate men teachers in the Gazetted staff of the Education Department who entered service as early as 1101 M. E. and who have put in six or more years of service before 31-10-1111;

(*b*) the number of vacancies that occurred in the said cadre in the Department from 1101 to the close of 1110;

(*c*) how many of these vacancies have been filled;

(*d*) whether preference was given to acting men;

(*e*) if so, how many of them were confirmed; and

(*f*) whether fresh hands were entertained in service overlooking the claims of these acting men?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 14.

(*b*) 93.

(*c*) 64.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 45.

(*f*) Yes.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know why these 14 teachers were not confirmed while there were 93 vacancies?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Acting teachers were confirmed, in accordance with their rank in the seniority list.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): I understand from the answer to part (*a*) that there are 14 acting teachers at present. I should like to know why they were not confirmed.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Because there were no more permanent vacancies at the time when the others were confirmed.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): My question is whether the Government will be pleased to state the number of acting graduate teachers who had put in more than six years' service?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That question has already been answered. A good number of teachers are now acting for various reasons. In the first place there was some uncertainty about the seniority list. The Education Reforms Committee had recommended the abolition of the list. Government were in two minds about that question, whether they should abolish the list or modify it. Subsequently the Standardisation Scheme came in.

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[Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan.]

Then the G. O. on recruitment to the Public Service laid down another principle and Government ordered that all appointments should be regarded as provisional. Owing to a conjuncture of such circumstances a good number of people with considerable acting service remained unconfirmed. But the matter is now receiving attention.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know in answer to part (*f*) the number of fresh hands who were entertained in service over-looking the claims of acting hands?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): About 19.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the reasons for that?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): In some cases it was due to retrenchment. Owing to retrenchment in the Colleges, people who were retrenched had to be provided for in the schools. In other cases it was due to superior academic qualifications.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know wrether any raw-men are included in the number 19?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The honourable member must explain what he means by raw-men?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Besides those who were transferred from Colleges the member said that some hands were newly entertained. I want to know the number of fresh men so entertained?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): A few men with superior qualifications, mostly western, were preferred to acting men.

Cultivation of Tobacco in Travancore.

76. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have passed the rules regarding the question of cultivation of tobacco in Travancore; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Draft Rules for regulating the cultivation of tobacco are under the consideration of Government.

Private School Teachers.

77. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number of private school teachers belonging to each of the various communities recognised in the matter of recruitment to Public Service?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information, asked for by the member, are out of all proportion to its possible utility.

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